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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 03-103

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Air Carrier Association of America ("ACAA") represents low-fare airlines, including AirTran Airways, Frontier Airlines, and Spirit Airlines. These carriers are continuing to grow, particularly in business markets. In order for the important business traffic to continue to expand, it is essential that ACAA carriers are able to offer business friendly services including broadband communications. To make sure this can occur in a timely manner, the ACAA strongly urges the Commission to resolve the pending 800 MHz Air-to-Ground proceeding in a manner that allows multiple terrestrially-based air-to-ground broadband providers.

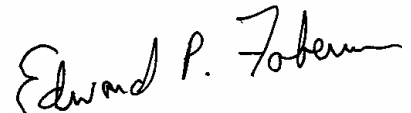
ACAA's members do not currently offer passenger air-to-ground services. Approximately 80 percent of the current U.S. aircraft fleet operates without passenger air-to-ground service. There are a number of problems with Broadband capable satellite systems; including their cost and weight. Unfortunately, we have not seen viable alternatives. In our increasingly competitive industry, it is essential that airlines be able to take advantage of the benefits and consumer choice that come with real competition in the provision of passenger broadband services.

Airline passengers desire in-flight broadband services. Without viable alternatives, however, ACAA's members will continue to encounter significant obstacles to providing such services. The 800 MHz Air-to-Ground proceeding presents a unique opportunity for the Commission to help foster the competition needed to make these services available to a wider segment of the air traveling public. On behalf of our passengers, we urge

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you to allow the type of competition that has benefited air travelers to apply in this proceeding to the broadband communications industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edward P. Faberman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Edward P. Faberman  
Executive Director

cc: Chairman Michael Powell  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy  
Commissioner Kevin Martin  
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein